

Monday, April 22, 1991

The Battalion

Group tries to stop compensation law

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawyers, doctors and national work-safety experts are scheduled to descend on Eagle Pass Monday for a trial in which Texas' new system of compensating workers who are injured on the job is being challenged.

The business-backed workers' compensation reform law was approved by the Legislature in 1989 and signed by then-Gov. Bill Clements after two bruising special legislative sessions.

Last year, the Texas AFL-CIO challenged the law, saying it will lower disability benefits for most injured workers, restrict an employees' access to court and discriminate against Hispanics by reducing benefits for injured farm workers.

A Maverick County judge agreed that major provisions of the bill probably were unconstitutional, and he granted a temporary court order in December

to block implementation of the law.

But the state attorney general appealed the decision, which essentially allowed the law to slip into effect Jan. 1.

On Monday, the trial before State District Judge Rey Perez centers on whether to grant a permanent court order to block the law. Attorneys for the AFL-CIO and the state say the trial could last up to two weeks.

"What's at stake here is very significant to the working population of our state," Bill Whitehurst, an Austin attorney who is co-counsel for the AFL-CIO, said.

"Our position is that in the name of efficiency and trying to reduce insurance premiums, the Legislature has done a great deal of disservice to the workers," he said.

Whitehurst said he will call witnesses with expertise in job-related injuries.

Jury suggests death penalty for killer of bookkeeper

FORT WORTH (AP) — Jurors have recommended the death penalty for a 33-year-old man convicted in the 1989 slaying of a bookkeeper for a topless Arlington bar.

But doubts about David Lee Herman's competency could lead the judge to throw out the conviction and the death penalty.

The jury decided Saturday that Herman should die for killing 21-year-old Jennifer Burns during a robbery at her work-

place, the Lace bar.

But District Judge Everett Young said he will not impose the jury's sentence until Herman's competency is evaluated.

Midway through the trial, Herman's attorneys tried to suspend testimony until their client, who they said became disoriented and depressed, could be declared competent enough to continue.

Herman was convicted of killing Burns while robbing the bar of \$11,200.



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All that jazz

Tony Campise, saxophonist of the Kary Maye Jazz Sextet, plays at the eighth annual College Station Jazz Fest last weekend at Central Park. The A&M Jazz Band and bands from all over the state also played.

Class votes for monument

A Silver Taps monument will be the legacy of the Class of '91 after the gift received the most votes during Senior Week at Texas A&M.

An eagle sculpture, library endowment, lighting and landscaping of the Twelfth Man Statue, leadership retreat center funding and Muster endowment followed the monument in numbers of votes.

A class is bound to give the gift that receives the most votes,

according to the Class Council Constitution. If any funds remain upon completion of the first gift, the remaining money will be allocated by the council as it sees fit.

Because the Class of '91 has not completed its fund-raising endeavors, the final account balance will not be known until August at the latest. At that time, when the council knows the exact balance, the money will be allocated to the various gifts.

In Advance

Speakers discuss job opportunities in EPA

The Natural Resource Conservation Association will present "Job Opportunities Within the Environmental Protection Agency" as part of its lecture series at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder.

Erma Vontress, personnel department, and Eddie Sierra, engineer with the Environmental Services department, will speak. They will discuss different positions offered, what the EPA looks for in applicants and will answer questions.

For more information, call 823-0509 or 847-5005.

Club seeks donations for wife of student

Friends of Hou Huaiwen, 27, a Texas A&M graduate student in chemical engineering who died April 11, are requesting donations for Hou's wife.

Hou, who died on campus after transporting a heavy liquid nitrogen tank from one building to another, was from mainland China and had a research assistantship at A&M.

Friends of Hou's in the China Club are seeking help for Li Yan, his wife. If you would like to donate, please write to Li Yan c/o Mr. You Yong, T-3-A Hensel Apt., College Station, Texas 77840.

KAMU-TV holds annual fund-raising auction

Viewers can tune in from 7 to 11 every night until Thursday to bid on displayed items for KAMU-TV's Auction '91.

The auction is one of KAMU's biggest annual fundraisers. The television station hopes to raise \$75,000, more than one-third of the station's programming budget.

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Originally from Chicago, Chuck Tomkovic's interest in being a marketing educator was fostered by his father, who served as a teacher and principal in the Chicago public schools for 35 years. His father instilled in Chuck the firm belief that learning is a privilege and an activity to be engaged in with total commitment and enthusiasm.

Prior to joining the Texas A&M Marketing Department in 1987, Chuck accumulated 10 years of valuable business experience as General Manager of the Vie de France Corporation, Marketing Services Director for the Parker Pen Company and Sales Promotion Manager for Outboard Marine Corporation. Interperated with his business career, Chuck earned a B.A. degree in business and psychology from Carthage College of Kenosha, Wisconsin in 1976 and two Masters degrees, an MBA and a MS in Industrial Engineering, from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1982.

Chuck's teaching performance at Texas A&M has been exemplary. Within the Department of Marketing, Chuck has taught both the Marketing Principles course (MKTG 321) and the Product & Development course (MKTG 442) with rave student reviews. His instructor ratings have consistently been among the highest in the College of Business Administration. His students commented, "Chuck knows a great deal about the business world, Chuck was genuinely interested in teaching us, and Chuck was an excellent instructor; he encourages students to talk and is supportive when they do."

It is clear that Chuck is the kind of person who has the ability of not only influencing the students he teaches, but also has raised the aspirations of his fellow doctoral students. One fellow student writes, "The most striking component of Chuck's teaching style is his tremendous energy level. The Marketing Principles course carries enrollment between 250 and 300 students per section. Amazingly, Chuck is able to overcome the obstacles inherent in a large class environment to the electric atmosphere he creates in a classroom. Class participation (he memorizes names!), balanced use of various media and an engaging speaking style bring an intensity level uncommon to lecture courses."



Cam is enthusiastic and extremely creative in her teaching. Her students love her because she is FUN! She communicates her knowledge in a clear, concise manner. Cam has an excellent rapport with her students. She is warm, caring, supportive and very approachable. She has a rare combination of communication, management and leadership skills that make her an excellent instructor. She is a fine example of one who "practices what she preaches."



Bill came to Texas A&M in the fall of 1986 in order to pursue his doctorate in accounting. Previously, he graduated with a B.B.A. in accounting from the University of Notre Dame. Bill accepted a position with the Boston office of Price Waterhouse, an international public accounting firm. Bill attained his CPA and took advantage of Price Waterhouse's international opportunities by accepting a tour of duty in Saudi Arabia. After four years with Price Waterhouse, Bill went on to obtain his MBA from Cornell University. It was at Cornell, that Bill first taught, and discovered that this was the career he wished to pursue.

While at Texas A&M, Bill has taught ACCT 209, ACCT 210, ACCT 230 and ACCT 327. His responsibilities include preparing and delivering lectures, quizzes and exams. Since Bill's primary teaching responsibility has been ACCT 230, an introductory accounting course required of all business students, he feels a special responsibility to dispel any preconceived notions as to what accounting is about and to who accountants are. He incorporates the current business literature into his course to illustrate how business people are affected by accounting, regardless of their specific job affiliation. Finally, Bill is well liked and respected by his students. As some of the students have said, "He is always eager to help students learn, he encourages us to do better with a motivational approach, and he seems to take a personal interest in every student's progress."



Sharon Watson is a very special teacher. Her enthusiasm, innovativeness and genuine concern for her students is exemplary. She sets high standards for herself and her students and works hard to see that they are met. Sharon's caring attitude and superior knowledge of the subject matter make her an effective teacher. Also, Ms. Watson always demonstrates the highest level of professional commitment and competency in her work with students and colleagues. She is constantly broadening her knowledge, improving her skills and sharing what she's learned with her peers.

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